

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, community colleges are critical to guaranteeing the future success of the Texas economy by preparing students for transfer to universities and by training the State's workforce;

WHEREAS, community colleges are the largest sector of higher education in the State with an annual enrollment of over 1 million students;

WHEREAS, community colleges are the gateway to higher education in Texas by enrolling 72 percent of the State's freshman and sophomore students and 76 percent of the State's freshman and sophomore minority students;

WHEREAS, community colleges are key partners with their communities in developing a skilled and trained workforce to attract new businesses to Texas and helping to retain and expand existing businesses; and

WHEREAS, community college funding has been reduced to 1994 levels by the 78th Legislature, threatening the ability of the community colleges to meet their critical mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That, in support of the development of a viable, attractive workforce and development of the State's economy, the City Council respectfully requests that the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas restore the 2002-2003 level of funding to the fifty community college districts of the State.

ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2004.


CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

Joe Wardy
Mayor

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



John F. Nance
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